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Arizona

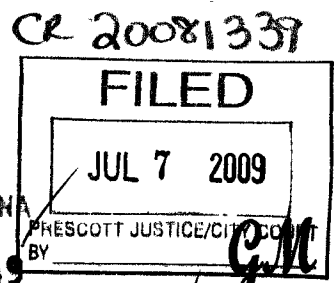
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SUPERIOR COURT  
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA

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BY: ~~B. Hamilton~~



I, **John McDormett**, received the within search warrant at **1715 hours** on **July 06, 2009** and at **approximately 0930 hours** on **July 07, 2009** YCSO Detectives began the search of the listed locations.

Which **John McDormett** now bring into court **July 7, 2009**.

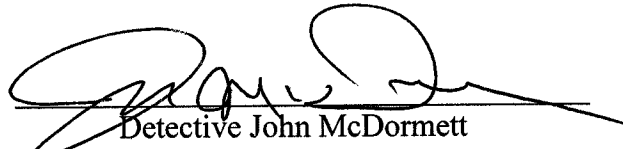
This return and inventory contains a true and detailed account of all property taken by **YCSO Detectives** on the within warrant.

☐ gave a detailed receipt for the property taken to:

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☒ left a detailed receipt for the property taken at:

730 6<sup>th</sup> Street Prescott AZ Unit F-12 and G-04

  
Detective John McDormett  
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me July 7, 2009.

  
Judge



YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SEARCH WARRANT SUPPLEMENT

DATE 070709 DR# 08-029124  
SEARCH LOCATION 6th St Storage  
Unit "G4"

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ITEM # 1 ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION Motorola cell phone from "Box 10"

FINDER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME 0950

ITEM # 2 ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION Handmade CD - Batman from "Box 10"

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FINDER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME 0951

ITEM # 3 ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION Black journal from "Box 10"

FINDER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME 1016

ITEM # 4 ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION "Apple Time Capsule" 500 GB in Box from

Box 11

FINDER \_\_\_\_\_ TIME 1020

ITEM # 5 ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION Cutlery from storage unit "G4"

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FINDER #1 NAME/BADGE

J. McDermott C32

FINDER #2 NAME/BADGE

PHOTOS - Sandi Brown

FINDER #3 NAME/BADGE

Scribe - A. Watt 8598

COLLECTOR #1 NAME/BADGE

J. McDermott C32



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SEARCH LOCATION 6th St Storage  
Unit "F12"  
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ITEM # <u>1</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>14 golf clubs in black &amp; grey located in corner "F12 unit"</u>	FINDER	TIME <u>1044</u>
ITEM # <u>2</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>Enchilada MRE from "box 10"</u>	FINDER	TIME <u>1050</u>
ITEM # <u>3</u> <u>Tent</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>Black bag w/ blue sleeping bag &amp; orange</u>	FINDER	TIME <u>1066</u>
ITEM # <u>4</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>Tent stakes in blue canvas bag</u>	FINDER	TIME <u>1110</u>
ITEM # <u>5</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>REI Tent</u>	FINDER	TIME <u>1114</u>
ITEM # <u>6</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>Cut lock from F12</u>	FINDER	TIME
ITEM # <u>7</u> <u>travel bag</u>	ITEM DESCRIPTION/LOCATION <u>SILVER HARD CASE "BAGGAY" golf club</u>	FINDER	TIME
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COLLECTOR #1 NAME/BADGE <u>SANJ. BROWN 4331</u>		

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
YAVAPAI COUNTY ARIZONA**

No. 20090701 SW

**SEARCH WARRANT**

**TO ANY PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA:**

Proof by affidavit having been this day made before me by:

**Detective John McDormett**

Indicating that there is probable cause for believing that the below mentioned property or things to be seized:

- ☐ which were stolen or embezzled
- ☐ were used as a means of committing public offense
- ☐ are being possessed with the intent to use them as a means of committing a public offense
- ☐ are in the possession of ☐, to whom it was delivered for the purpose of concealing it or preventing it from being discovered
- ☐ consist of some items or constitute some evidence which tends to show that a particular person has committed a public offense

Which offense occurred on or about **July 2, 2008**, in **Prescott AZ**

You are therefore commanded in the daytime to make a search of:

**6<sup>th</sup> Street Mini Storage – 730 6<sup>th</sup> Street Prescott; Unit G-04 and Unit F-12. Leased to James DeMocker.**

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For the following property or things:

- **Golf clubs or blunt instruments with a shaft and a head that resemble a golf club.**
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- Fibers, hair, or trace evidence and items that contain said evidence that may identify a suspect
- Shoes of the type with a tread pattern consistent with those leading to and away from the victim's house
- Diaries, calendars, and or documents or other media relating to movements and or activities of the victim or suspect (s).
- Evidence that indicates Steven Carrol DeMocker was contemplating and or planning to flee including luggage and their contents, motorcycle saddle bags or hard bags and their contents, accumulated food items and provisions, clothing, maps, books, guides, printouts, receipts or correspondence which can demonstrate the intent to flee.
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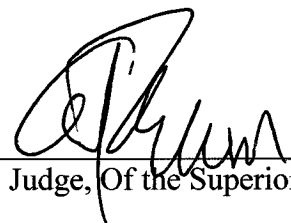
And if you find such, or any part thereof, to retain such in your custody, subject to ARS 13-3920.

**The search warrant affidavit is hereby incorporated herein by this reference.**

(Return this warrant within "three court business days" as directed by ARS 13-3918.)

Given under my hand or direction and dated

7/6, 2009.

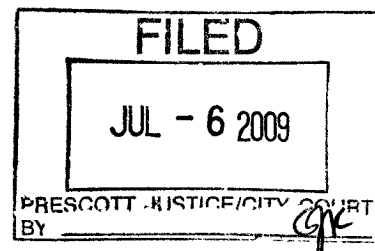
  
Judge, Of the Superior Court

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**AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT  
COUNTY OF YAVAPAI, STATE OF ARIZONA**

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No. 20090701 SW



Your affiant, **Detective John McDormett**, a peace officer in the State of Arizona, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

That on or about **July 2, 2008** in Yavapai County, Arizona the crime(s) of **Homicide**, (■) was ■ is being) committed by:

**Steven Carroll DeMocker DOB/010754, W/M, 601/155, BLU/GRY, SSN/099423468**

In the following manner:

**By causing the death of Virginia Carol Kennedy DOB/072554, at 7485 Bridle Path, Williamson Valley, Prescott AZ on the evening of 070208.**

That affiant has probable cause to believe and does believe that there is now in the possession of:

**Steven Carroll DeMocker DOB/010754, W/M, 601/155, BLU/GRY, SSN/099423468; or those acting on behalf of Steven Carroll DeMocker (James DeMocker and Katherine DeMocker)**

And in and upon the premises and building(s), and adjoining the same, and in a vehicle(s) described as:

**6<sup>th</sup> Street Mini Storage – 730 6<sup>th</sup> Street Prescott; Unit G-04 and Unit F-12. Leased to James DeMocker.**

**Iron Springs Plaza Self Storage – 1134 W Haining Street Prescott; Unit #104. Leased to Katherine DeMocker.**

Certain property or things:

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- are being possessed with the intent to use them as a means of committing a public offense

■ are in the possession of ■, to whom it was delivered for the purpose of concealing it or preventing it from being discovered

■ consist of some items or constitute some evidence which tends to show that a particular person has committed a public offense

That said property or things are described as follows:

- **Golf clubs or blunt instruments with a shaft and a head that resemble a golf club.**
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That the following facts establish probable cause for believing that ground for the issuance of a search warrant for the aforementioned items exist:

**See Regular Information Form.**

## **REGULAR INFORMATION FORM**

**Your affiant, John T McDormett, is a certified peace officer in the State of Arizona, employed by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office at the rank of Detective. My primary assignments are homicides and violent crimes.**

**On 07/02/08 at approximately 2000 hours, Virginia Carol Kennedy (Carol Kennedy) was brutally beaten to death in her home located at 7485 Bridle Path in Prescott, AZ.**

**YCSO was contacted at 2014 hours, when Carol Kennedy's mother (Ruth Kennedy) called in for a welfare-check on her daughter. Ruth Kennedy advised that she had been on the phone with her daughter when Carol screamed, said "oh no", and then the phone dropped and the call was disconnected.**

**Deputies arrived to the residence at approximately 2052 hours and found the scene, which was mainly centralized to the bedroom/office area, to be staged in a manner to make the death appear to be accidental. There was a ladder to a loft that was against the door and there were book shelves which were knocked over against each other. The desk in the bedroom/office had blood spatter which was believed to be from the victim's head striking the desk, however, the strike was obviously horizontal and not consistent with a downward fall from a ladder. There were also blood droplets in front of and outside the exterior door to the room.**

**That night, Deputies located bicycle tracks off of a neighboring street (Glenshandra Dr) which dead ends onto the ranch land which borders Carol's backyard.**

**During interviews that night it was learned that Carol's ex-husband (Steven DeMocker) was on a long bike ride that evening and was away for approximately 5 hours during the same timeframe that Carol was killed.**

**On 7/3/08, YCSO processed the area at the end of Glenshandra Dr. There is a gated access to the ranch land off of Glenshandra Dr, which is a relatively short walking distance from the back yard of Carol Kennedy's home. The tire tracks which started from the gate were followed to an area where it appeared that a bicycle had been stashed in the bushes and where shoe tracks continued on. Those shoe tracks led to the barbed wire fence at the backyard of Carol's property and into the backyard leading to the patio of the house. The shoe tracks were then followed back to the area where it appeared that the bicycle had been stashed. The tire tracks and shoe tracks then led back out to the trailhead at the end of Glenshandra Dr. The path of the shoe tracks details that the suspect made a wide arcing loop to get to the back yard of the property. The path taken is away from the well maintained trails that lead directly to Carol's yard and is made through some thick sections of brush which eventually comes out at the backyard at the area of the fence and continue over the fence into the backyard.**

**When interviewed in the early morning hours of 07/03/08, Steven DeMocker advised that he had been on a long bike ride in which his bicycle sustained a flat rear tire. Steven stated that he had been on a ride that started from Love Lane and that during the ride he had ridden towards the Granite Mountain trail system. Love**



Lane is less than 1.5 miles from Carol Kennedy's home. From the lab analysis, Steven DeMocker's bicycle tires have been identified as being similar in both front and rear to the tire tracks located off of Glenshandra Drive. While the scene was processed at the end of Glenshandra Dr, it was noted that the tire impressions from the rear tire of Steven DeMocker's bicycle appeared to be nearly identical.

Carol Kennedy and Steven DeMocker were involved in a lengthy divorce which was reportedly finalized on May 28, 2008. In the divorce decree it was ordered that Steven DeMocker had to turn over to Carol a 401K valued at approximately \$190,000 and that the victim was to receive the amount of \$500,000 of spousal maintenance over the next eight years. The second spousal support check in the amount of \$6,000 was scheduled to be paid on 07/01/08 but that check was never received by Carol.

From the processing of Carol's home computer and cell phone it was learned that late on 07/01/08 and up to the afternoon of 07/02/08, Steven DeMocker had been in e-mail and text message communication with Carol Kennedy. The context of the communication from Steven was regarding Steven going to the house on Bridle Path on 07/02/08 to pick up their daughters car and to also exchange checks, since Steven expected that he should be getting some money back. On 07/02/08, approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to her death, Carol Kennedy sent an e-mail response to Steven; the e-mail was in response to the question of money exchange. In her response, Carol advised that Steven was incorrect in his calculations and that she did not owe him any money and that his payments to her were past due. Carol expressed that, if necessary, they would have to go back to court. Carol had also left her hand written responses on an e-mail printout which was found in a magazine on the kitchen counter.

From Steven's cell phone records and during Steven's interview on 7/3/08, it was learned that on 07/02/08 between the approximate hours of 1700 and 2208, Steven DeMocker's phone was powered off and unable to receive or send any information. Steven had not had any known contact with Carol since the last text messages that he had received from Carol at approximately 1400 hours. In those messages Carol had advised that Steven could pick up the car, that the keys were inside of it and that her cell phone battery was going dead.

From interviews with neighbors it was learned that on 07/02/08 at approximately 1840 hours, Carol Kennedy's neighbors saw Carol on a run in the ranch land located behind her house. Carol is believed to have returned home shortly after 1900 hours since she was, at that time, in text message communication with her youngest daughter and Steven; the communication was 1912 hours until 1928 hours. Carol Kennedy had then called her mother from the home phone at approximately 1936 hours; the call lasted approximately 22 minutes before the call disconnected.

From the cell phone and home phone records it was learned that Ruth Kennedy immediately called Carol back at 2003 hours. Ruth then called Steven's home phone at 2004 hours. Ruth and her son (John) attempted numerous calls to Carol's cell, Carol's home, Steven's cell and Steven's home. Both Ruth and John left messages when they attempted to reach Steven.

During the interview with Steven on 7/3/08, he advised us that he had received the first call from John after he got out of the shower; that time was found to be 2230 hours. He then sat down to dinner with his daughter and her boyfriend before he left his house to go to his office to shut down his computer, which he remembered that he had left on. On 07/03/08 when we served a search warrant at Steven's office we found his computer which was still powered on when we collected it. When the computer was later processed at the DPS lab there was no indication that the computer was used or shut down after Steven left work on 07/02/08 after approximately 1630 hours.

On 07/03/08, a search warrant was conducted at the home of Steven DeMocker at 1716 Alpine Meadows Lane, #1405. At that time, items of clothing and bicycle accessories were collected for later examination and overall photographs were taken of the interior and exterior of the residence. YCSO later returned to the residence approximately 2.5 hours after leaving the home. YCSO returned to collect golf clubs and a golf club sock which had not been collected during the first search. We had learned during the autopsy of Carol Kennedy that a golf club was possibly used as the murder weapon. The injuries to Carol consisted of two long slender bruises to the right arm and multiple curved fractures to the skull. When we arrived with the second search warrant, the golf club sock that had been on the shelf in the garage was no longer present. It appeared to be the only item missing and we were unable to locate the sock anywhere in the house or in the surrounding areas, Renee Girard's vehicle or adjacent garbage cans.

During a later interview with Steven's daughter (Katie DeMocker) we learned that Steven had given Carol a golf club which was to be sold in an upcoming garage sale that Carol had planned. During the search at Bridle Path, no golf club was found anywhere on the property or in the vehicles; there were, however, other items openly visible that were for a garage sale.

Carol Kennedy's last update to her will was dated 1996 and Steven DeMocker is the beneficiary to the will; a copy of that will was in Steven's home desk. Carol Kennedy had two life insurance policies totaling \$750,000. Steven DeMocker was beneficiary of both policies. On 08/12/08, an employee of UBS who works with Steven DeMocker called in to the life insurance company to report the death of Carol Kennedy and to start the payoff process.

On 08/22/08, we learned that a package addressed to Steven DeMocker was delivered to his office at 1560 Plaza West in Prescott. The package consisted of four books which were ordered through Amazon.com from an account that Steven has with the company; the order was billed to Steven's American Express account. The books were ordered from a computer that accessed a secured wireless router from a residence that Steven rented for a weeks time in mid August; the house is located in Prescott. The four books are titled:

How to Be Invisible: The Essential Guide to Protecting Your Personal Privacy, Your Assets and your Life

Cover Your Tracks Without Changing Your Identity: How to Disappear Until You Want to Be Found

## **The International Fugitive**

### **Advanced Fugitive: Running, Hiding, Surviving and Thriving Forever**

On October 23, 2009 YCSO conducted search warrants at Steven DeMocker's home, apartment in Scottsdale, work and storage facility to attempt to locate specific items of interest in the investigation and evidence to show the potential for flight.

The above mentioned books were located at the different search locations along with a journal log from Steven's daughter (Charlotte DeMocker) which indicated that her dad was thinking of fleeing.

Steven's on/off road motorcycle was located in the garage at the apartment complex. Inside the bedroom of the apartment we located the luggage boxes for the motorcycle along with bedding, food and supplies packed and ready for outdoor survival. A map program for the streets of Mexico was found to have been recently purchased and would be compatible with Steven's GPS unit.

Golf club bags and clubs were seized from the Alpine Meadows Address. One set was identified as being Carol's and the other set were left handed clubs and believed to be Steven's. None of the clubs were of the same brand as that of the golf club sock.

Steven was detained at the UBS Phoenix office and while Detectives were speaking with him, Steven advised that he gave the golf club sock to his attorney. Steven indicated that he overheard the importance of the sock while we were talking at his house during the second search warrant. Again the golf club sock was missing prior to the second search and the significance of that item was not known until the autopsy and after YCSO Detectives left the Alpine Meadows residence after the first search.

A detailed search into Steven's personal laptop computer has located internet web searches into topics such as: How to Kill and Make it Look Like a Suicide; How to Kill and Make it Look Like a Murder; Life Insurance Payouts After a Homicide. The laptop computer was seized during the execution of the search warrant on 7/3/08 and the web searches were prior to the murder. During hearings in the case, the defense has suggested possible "book research" but there have been no outline, draft or notes located with such topics.

After the incarceration of Steven DeMocker, Steven's brother (Jim DeMocker) took responsibility over financial matters and relocated some of Steven's personal property in storage facilities.

During a recorded jail call between Steven DeMocker and Renee Girard on 6/13/09, Girard indicated that she went to two storage units and looked over the contents. Girard mentioned that in one of the units there was motorcycle stuff, skis and old golf clubs. The location of these golf clubs during the July 3, 2008 and October 23,

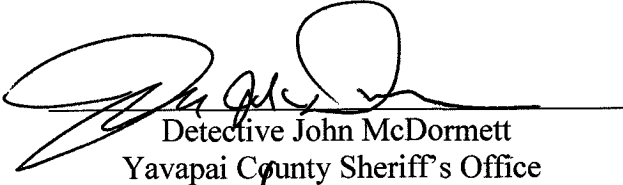
2008 searches was not known. During the phone call, one storage facility located on Haining St was indicated as being billed to Katie DeMocker; the unit was said to contain sentimental items from Bridle Path. The locations of the other two storage units was not talked about.

Sheriff's Deputies contacted storage facilities in the Prescott area and learned that James DeMocker leased two storage units at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Mini Storage located at 730 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Prescott. One unit (G-04) was leased on 10/31/08 and one unit (F-12) was leased on 5/27/09. We were able to verify a storage unit (#104) was leased to Katherine DeMocker at the Iron Springs Plaza Self Storage located at 1134 W Haining St. This information was verified by storage manager "Nancy" on 7-6-09.

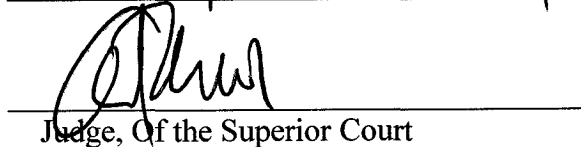
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The Search Warrant is hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

Wherefore, affiant prays that a search warrant issue commanding that an immediate search be made of the person, premises, buildings and vehicles described herein for the property and things herein described and that the same be retained in the custody of affiant or in the custody of the agency which affiant represent and disposed of according to law, pursuant to ARS 13-3920.

  
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Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

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